EBBETS'S PROSPECTS FOR GETTING CONTROL OF THE BROOKLYNS.

Me Mas Bought Out the Old Players' League hares and Has an Option on Abeli's Stock -What His Plans Are—Echoes of the Michact-Taylore Race-Barney Anren's Stery. The deal which will place Charles H. Ebbets n centrol of the Brookiyn Club, the story of which was told in THE SUN ; esterday, has created a sensation in the baseball world and has up the cranks on the other side of the bridge. Ebbets, it is said, has gathered to gether enough capital to control 80 per cent. of the stock of the club, and has already bought out ich-talked-of minority stockholders, including Henry J. Robinson, George Chauncey, and others, who became identified with Brooklyn baseball affairs when John M. Ward organd the Players' League Club in 1890, with beauquarters at fastern Park. The consolidation of the National League Club owned by Byrne, Doyle, and Abell with the Players League Club in 1891 was a serious mistake for the former element, At Washington Park Bryne, Doyle, and Abell made plenty of money, but at Eastern Park they lost. The withdrawal of Toseph Doyle left Byrne and Abell in the majority at Eastern Park, and later Byrne sold some of his stock to Abell. The latter ther owned about 50 per cent. of the stock, and with Byrne's remaining interests he wielded not less then 65 per cent, of the whole issue, which was made on a \$250,000 basis. The minority stocklers, who were jointly interested in the Kings County elevated road and the Ridgewood Land Company, on whose property Eastern Park is located, soon tired of making good the losses and were satisfied to receive an annual rental for the ball grounds, which, of necessity, was paid by Abell, as there was nobody else to do it. In 1896 the club lost \$11,000, and Abell was forced to make it good or give up the franchise. In 1897 the club dropped \$14,000 more, and that was the last straw. As the losses had increased with each since the club went to Eastern Park

Aboll decided to call a halt. He said to THE

would not put up any more money and wanted

to get out of basebell. He also said that he had

sunk nearly \$100,000 in the Brooklyn Club and

could see no way of getting any of it back. Abell has been game to the backbone through

all of the club's vicissitudes, but the illness of President Byrne, upon whom Abell has always

representative not two weeks ago that he

pended, is a serious blow to him, and he has felt more like washing his hands of the whole business than ever before. Abeil was therefore surprised the other day when Ebbets, who has acted as secretary and treesurer of the cith for many years, informed him that he had raised money enough to buy out the minority stockholders. Abe I was so delighted at the enterprise of his young friend that he immediately informed Charley that he could get the balance of the stock held by Abeil at a reasonably low figure. In fact, the price was so fair that Ebbets secured an option well Feb. 1, when, in all probability, he will buy it.

The illness of President Byrne has brought the deal to a crisis moe than anything else. As he cannot recover from the sickness with which he is suffering, something had to be once quickly to pull the altairs of the cub out of the mire. A large slice of the Eastern Park rent had not been paid, and the salaries of various club employees were in arrears. Ebbets, it is believed, has raised the coin, and everything will be paid off in full. As the club is now practically in Ebbets's hands, he will assume the duties left by Byrne. In a word, he will be elected President and general manager, although William Barnie will continue to handle the team. Barnie and Ebbets have always been warm friends, and they will undoubtedly work in harmony. Eabets is a hustler, but felt more like washing his hands of the whole though William Barnie will continue to handle the team. Barnie and Ebbets have always been warm friends, and they will undoubtedly work in harmony. Eobets is a hustler, but his capabilities were somewhat held in check. He has made a reputation for himself as the finest schedule maker in the business, and on many occasions President Young has been compelled to ask his assistance. With ball players and the magnates Ebbets has always been popular, while he has an army of friends among the cranks. He will undoubtedly move the club away from Eastern Park, if he can secure another suitable location which he has in view, and will also play Sunday ball, both at home and abroad, unlass all signs fail. As far as the team is concerned, it will receive a thorough overhauling. Ebbets and Barnie will have a conference to-day, and will decade to make several important moves. Abell is well pleased over the turn of affairs. He said yesterday that he named a price for his stock that was away below his former figures, as he knew of no better man than Ebbets in whom to trust Brooklyn's basoball affairs. Even should Ebbets decide not to buy Abell's stock, the latter would probably assist him materially in bolstering up the club, which, if properly handled and a winning team can be secured, will prove a bonanza. It is said on good authority stockholders out, or at the rate of less than 33½ cents on the dollar. It will take more than that, however, to buy out Abell.

Those who saw the Michael-Taylore race in the Garden on Saturday night were disappointed. They had been led to believe by press notices with flaring headlines that Michael was in poor condition while the Frenchman was a wonder and would win. It was with outs, oken feelings, then, that they viewed Taylore's defeat, which was apparent to all after he had ridden one mile. The moment Michael passed him, which created great enthusiasm, the crowd began to reflect, and before ten miles had been finished there were expressions of disgust on all sides. The spectators, who had come to the Garden with the idea that Taylore would win, and they had been hoodwinked, because the all sides. The spectators, who had come to the Garden with the idea that Taylore would win, said they had been hoodwinked, because they could not see how any intelligent persons could have predicted a victory for Taylore on his form. In his practice on the track in private, Taylore showed that he knew comparatively little about changing pace, which is the vital point upon which all of Michael's victories have depended. And yet the Frenchman was "stale." Before the race Shafer, who is Michael's window was in good condition and implied that the stories about his being stale had simply been circulated to attract the crowd. There were 7,000 persons present and it cost it to get in and stand up. Michael and his manager got nearly half of the gross receipts. Taylore's friends and handlers had considerable fault to find with the referce. A. D. Waite of the L. A. W. State Haeing Board. They claimed several fouls, which were not allowed, and the referce was blamed by them because he did not see the alleged abuses. Waite did not occupy a position from which he could see the entire track, but steed on the floor opposite the Twenty-sixth street side, where he could only see that short strip from one curve to the other. Even when Taylore's handlers claimed that Michael's pacing machines were interfering purposely with the Frenchman on the other side of the track the referee was no place provided for him by the managers, neither was there a prominent place for the newspaper writers, who wanted to see the entire race. The press inclosure was about twenty feet long and contained probably ten chairs. It was situated on the floor opposite the storing could be seen except a flashing rider now and then.

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Coach Lehmann of the Harvard crew, before salling for Europe on Saturday, said that if by Yale's conditions Cornell could see her way clear to enter the triangular race at New London, Harvard would, in addition to the race with the Blue, arrange another contest with Cornell to be rowed elsewhere, probably at Poughkeepsie. If Lehmann speaks by the board, this unexpected stand by Harvard will put an entirely new complexion on the rowing middle. It may result in Cornell withdrawing from all negotiations with Yale and forthwith arranging a race with Harvard. The Crimson in that case would be forced to undergo hardships that would possibly affect the work of the crew, for a race at Poughkeepsie followed by a jump to New London for another contest with Yale would be more than any other big crew has cared to undertake. Possibly Harvard, realizing that the breach between Cornell and Yale cannot be healed, has decided to straighten matters out by making some such offer to the Ithacans. But as The Sur has pointed out all along, the best way to fix up matters is to have the University A. C. call a general conference at which the ituation can be more thoroughly canvassed than by the precent long-distance methods.

Barney Aaron, the old-time pugilist, who is a constant patron of local ring contests, has many good stories of fistiana which delight his hearers. The other night he toid a story about a battle in which he handled Jem Mace, who was metched against an Irishman somewhere in the West.

"We couldn't agree on a referee," said the veteran "and there was a pretty row. Finally I heard of a sporty Alderman who had come from a neighboring city to see the fight, and who was said to be an authority. I found him in the crowd and said to the seconds of the other fighter:

fighter:

"'Here's a good, square man that'll make a fair referee, Then I proceeded to question him, to my sorrow.

"'What is the first rule regarding fouls! I assed him. He hositated. I reneated the question, and upon pressing him, what do you think he said! Well, he but on a look of disgrant and replied:

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"Never mind the rules. I know when
fighters don't kick or bite. I'll referee."

"That was enough. The Alderman wasn't
choses. It's a hard thing to find a man who
does know the rules."

"Aaron says the best fight he ever saw in his
long career was the fifteen round "go" between Lavisne and Walest round "go" be-

CORSIP OF THE BUNKERS. Intries in Order for Mig States-American-Br

In a few days entries for the big stakes will be in order, and then the candidates for future equine honors will be sent along in earnest. Nominations for the Futurity of the Coney Island Jockey Club are due to-morrow, and a big list is anticipated. The stake is particularly attractive for breeders, as, apart from the first, second, and third money, the breeder of the winner will receive \$2,000, the breeder of the second \$1,250, and the breeder of the third \$500. Then will come the entries for the stakes of the Coney Island Jockey Club and the Brooklyn

Jockey Club, which close on Jan. 10. American-bred horses will cut quite a figure in future English races. Some of the stakes closed on Dec. 7, and the Lorillard-Beresford ombination, showed a strong hand. J. S. Curtis, the African millionaire, who is going in heavily for racing, has also made a large entry. At the Newmarket-Craven meeting this year, in the Fitz-William Stakes for two-year-olds, J. S. Curtis enters the chestnut colt Indian Chief II., by Knight of Ellerslie, dam Pocahonias, and in the Newmarket Biennial Stales he enters the brown colt Method (brother of Ornament) by imp. Order, dam Victorine, and the bay colt Muggins II., by Knight of Ellerslie, dam Daly. At the July meeting, 1899, in the Midsummer Stakes, for three-year-olds, J. S. Curtis mters the brown colt Method, by imp. Order,

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For the first summer meeting, 1800, i

Mobile that Capt, Samuel S. Brown has a par-ticularly smart lot of youngsters, most of them being by Troubadour, who won the Suburban for him some years ago. He also has four older horses in the string, and all are located at his private training stable and race course, known as the 'Old Bascombe,' within two miles of Mobile. The young ones are by Trou-badour, Stuyvesant, and Blue Wing, three horses that classed among the top n tchers in their racing days. The stable will be shipped direct to the East in April and probably will not race in the West until fall.

Sam Fitspatrick Says Jack Daly Will Meet Any

Sam Fitzpatrick arrived here from New Orcans last night, and brought the information that boxing at that city is practically at an end, at least for the present. Sam went South with Jack Daly, his newly acquired clever lightweight, to meet Jack Everhardt. The affair was decided on last Tuesday night at the Tulane

A. C., and resulted in a draw.
"I was greatly disappointed," said Sam to Trin SUN reporter, "because Daly was not permitted to meet Everhardt for twenty rounds, as originally scheduled. Everything was fixed to have the battle decided, but at the last moment the the Mayor refused to grant a permit to the club.

the Mayor refused to grant a permit to the club. It was a good exhibition, however, and Daly made a great showing. Had it lasted ten rounds more Daly would surely have secred a knockout." Sam does not think Everhardt as good a man as he was when he fought here.

In regard to matching Daly against Lavigne, Sam said that Jack would neet the champion at 135 pounds. Daly is also ready to tackle Kit McPariland or Matty Matthews at 140 pounds. Fitzpatrick says these two lightweights have no occasion to go against welterweights, as they have signified their intention of doing. Daly is also ready to meet Dick Burge of England, if the latter does not intend to retire from the ring.

W. Lynch, New York.—The weight as announced by Pitzsimmons was 150% pounds.

Paul Keily, who defeated Charley Burnes a few weeks ago, wants a match with any 118 pounder.

Jack Bonner has sent a challenge to fight Arthur Ak-rs, the English middleweight, before the National Sporting Club.

As there seems only little chance of bringing McCoy and Waicott together, it is likely that Waicott may meet George Green again.

Joe Gans will box an "unknown" at Baltimore tonight. Blity Duke of Washington, a clever lightweight, will also meet Martin Judge in a six-round bout.

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Dan Stuart said to The Sun reporter that if he brought Corbett and Pitzaimmons tog-ther it was not an assured thing that the affair would come off at Carson. Larry Becker is suffering from an aggravated at-tack of malaria. Jack Smith, Becker's manager, said to The Sun reporter that Bolker would receive a long rest.

Mike Leonard and Johnny Laughlin met at Roches-ter on Saturday night in a twenty-round bout at catchweights. It was a rattling contest and resulted in a draw.

Joe Bernstein does not seem to be in any hurry to tran for his bout with Billy O'Donneil. The latter is not going to take any chances and is getting into shape at College Point.

yesterday.

There is some doubt about the fight between Peter Maher and Peter Jackson being decided at Sen Francisco next month. The authorities so it is said; a ye not issued a permit for the affair. They are to a ton the matter some time this week. Jackson has not started in to irain.

It is understood that Kid Lavigne, when he comes to this city, will issue a challenge to meet Tominy Byan. They coxed four rounds in this city several years go. Lavigne claims that the affair was to have been a friendly one, but a ye that thyan tried to knock him out. Lavigne wants to even matters in a twenty-round go.

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LONG BRANCH, Jan. 2.—The South Shrewsbury Ice Yacht Club members are happy to-night over between their crack boats. The fleet is ready to be launched, and includes many fast yachts. Among them are W. A. Seaman's Harold, E. E. Taber's Leroy, Bert Cubberley's Leota and the Taber's Leroy, Bert Cubberiey's Leota and the Imp. The Grover Cleveland, Bessie B., and Vapor are being repaired, but will be ready for sailing in a few days. The South Shrewabury Club has nity-eight members. Its officers are: Commodore, W. A. Seaman, Vice-Commodore, Walter R. Patten; Secretary, J. Von Emmons: Sailing Master, Charies Irwin; Regatta Committee, E. Taber, Willet Martin, and Thomas Richardson. One of the fastest yachts on the South Shrewsbury is said to be a lateen-rigged boat, twenty-two foot spread, with cockpit, owned by Life Saving Station No. 4, at Monmouth Beach.

HOPPLES ARE DANGEROUS.

NATIONAL PROTTING ASSOCIATION

Kentucky Horsemen to Favor of Major Me-Dawell's idea to Prohibit Their Use.-The Opinions of Barney Comarest and "Kanponck" McCarthy-Another Change in Bulen

With the biennial congress of the National Trotting Association scheduled for next month the Murray Hill Hotel, horsemen are canvassing the outlook for needed changes in the rules of harness racing, particularly the proposition to bar hopples and to strengthen the rule against laying up heats. As noted in THE SUN last week the Kentucky Trotting Horse Breeders' Association has petitioned the approaching Congress to take action on these matters, and the indications are that a determined effort will be made to amend the existing rules. The sentiments of the Kentucky horsemen found expression in the following resolutions, introduced by Major Henry Clay McDowell, former President of the association, and one of the oldest and most rominent breeders in the blue grass country:

Resident By the Board of Directors of the Kenuse of hopples on horses in racing is dangerous to the life and limb of every driver and horse participating witnessing such races, and that it works great injus tice to those who race horses without hoppies forcing them to place their lives and property in jeopardy without any compensating advantage what-We therefore respectfully request the National and

American trotting associations to pass a rule prohib-lting the use of hoppies in races over the tracks of their respective members, attaching a special penalty of such severity for its violation as will insure ful bedlence from each track so governed. Resolved, That the rules now in force against the as a tar against fraud and the indefinite lengthening of races, they form no protection. The experience of all practical horsemen has shown that there is but

desired, and that is to shorten the distance We therefor respectfully request the National and American Trotting Associations to pass a rule fixing he distance in races of mile heats between six of less horses at thirty yards; between seven and twelve horses at fifty yards, and between thirteen or more for the violation of this rule by tracks in membership with said associations of such severity as will insu its strict ouservance.

one rule that will effectually provide the safeguard

This action of the Kentucky horsemen is of nore than ordinary importance, owing to the fact that Major P. P. Johnston, the President of the Breeders' Association, is also the President of the National Trotting Association, and by virtue of the latter office will appoint the members of the Committee on Rules at the orthcoming congress.

Although hopples were virtually unknown appliances in harness racing a few years ago, the use of the straps to force horses that are not natural trotters and pacers to go the gait has lately become so common that it is not an unusual thing to see a majority of the horses in a pacing race rigged out with "two sets of harness." A few cases were reported last year seven-eighths of the horses that require them are pacers. Hopples have caused many serious accidents since they came into general use, for if drawn at all tight they are pretty certain to trip the horse that wears them if he happens to make a break. New York race-goers saw four horses, sulkies, and drivers piled up in a heap cuit meeting two or three years ago when El Raml was thrown in this way. Ed Geers, M. E. McHenry, Barney Demarest, and many other prominent drivers consider the appliances so dangerous that they will not drive horses thus rigged. Demarcst, who has driven trotters for twenty-five years, said yesterday to THE SUN reporter:

reporter:

"The Kentucky people are right about barring the hoppies, but I don't expect to see the National Association do anything at the congress next month. The organization is run by the track managers, and most of them will be opposed to the rule, because it would cut down the number of entries, especially in pacing races. I believe nearly all drivers and a majority of owners are in favor of barring the straps. Of course persons who go to the races are in favor of it, too but the owners, drivers, and racegoers won't have any more to say up there at the Murray Hill Hotel next month than they had last month at the meeting of the Board of Review. I haven't driven a horse in hoppies since I got thrown out and hurt at Combination Park last year. It is dangerous enough to drive in a race against other horse that wear them, and I have pulled back more than once this year for fear of an accident when trailing a horse that had them on. No trainer ought to be compelled to risk his life by driving in a race where hoppies are used."

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"What is your opinion of the Kentucky proposition to shorten the distance to thirty yards?"

"What is that!" exclaimed Demarest, who had not read Major McDowell's resolutions. "Poly, and that, Suppose you made der such the suppose you made to the fag, like enough, and your money burned up. Oh, no. That won't do. If the National Association wants to stop laying up heats there's just one way to do it. Hang every man that makes a bet on a heat and every bookmaker who chalks up the odic, As long as the rules are so that a driver can bet against his horse for the heat and lose the beat without losing the race, you will see plenty of them laying up heats and robbing the public. I believe this business of betting on heats has done more to drive good men away from the trotting tracks than all other causes combined. Another thing, if a driver bots on his horse to wina heat, he is often tempted to the heat of the replication of his horse to wina heat, he is often tempted to his horse to win. Then they beat him back in the other heats and the owner swars he pulled the race. Like enough it's the owner's money on the heat they the driver kills his horse to win, and then he has to drive the life out of his horse to win. Then they beat him back in the other heats and the owner's money on the heat they the driver kills his horse to win, and then they beat him back in the other heats and the owner's money on the heat heat so driver on the read. "What we describe the case has the owner's money on the heat heat so do the heats and the heats of the owner's mo

nine times out of a hundred. At the clip horses have to go nowadays it's enough of a test of endurance."

Approve of the Kentucky proposition to prevent laying up heats by shortening the distance, it is worthy of note that the American Trotting Association four or five years ago amended its rules by moving the distance flag up to within fifty yards of the wire. The amendment proved to be suppopular after a brief trial, and more than 90 per cont. of the meetings held nowadays under American rules advertise this special condition governing all races; "Old distance rules." The New England Breeders' Association tried the plan of placing the distance flag at sixty yards in 1996, but its experience was not satisfactory, and there was a return to the old rules last year.

An Interesting Point Sinteed at Was ngs at Lakewe

In the play for a bi-weekly cup at the Wash ington Golf Cinb, to run through several weeks, the scoring is done by points. The winner receives three, the second player two, while ongoes to the third man. Owing to various circumstances only one member played for the cup on a scheduled day, and there is considerable discussion regarding the number of points he should receive. The captain of the club gave six points to the player, reasoning that as he was certainly first he was entitled to the points for that josition, and, as there was no competition for second or third place, the points also fell to him. To bear out his decision, the captain notes: "As the prizes awarded consist of points to the number of six, the one player enters for a proportion of three points, or he may get first, see ond, or third. He may elect to say that he won third place or second place; therefore, if the player does elect to take third place, there being no better score than his, the first and second place points must naturally fall into his winnings and swell his total to six." tain's decision and reasonings are disputed by the other winners in the series, who failed to play on the day specified. They hold that the lone man should not score more than three

In most competitions conducted on the point system on the links in the metropolitan district, to avoid an issue such as that which confronts the Washington Golf Club, there is always a clause in the conditions stipulating a walkover. Undoubtedly, where the conditions are not definite, the Captain and th Greens Committee have a wide latitude. The point raised is not covered by the rules of the U.S. G. A., and the dissenting players might confer a benefit on golfers generally by exercising their right of appeal to the Executive Committee of that organization. Undoubtedly, the player who has the "sand" to play in the series on a day too disagreeable for the other members, deserves a reward, but many think it is an excessive award to permit him to "sweep the board." In an open competition a player may hardly elect to start only to be second or third to the exclusion of first place. Under the circumstances, to receive the full number of points due to the winner, when the first place has been gained without competition, seems to be the highest possible award. point raised is not covered by the rules of the

The professionals who played in the Ocean County Hunt and Country Club tournament at Lakewood did not lower the amateur record for the links, which Jasper Lynch holds at 83. The division of the winnings was: Val Fitzjohn, \$75; Ed Fitzjohn, \$37.50; Charles Thomson, \$22.50, and Horace Rawlins and Joseph Litster divided \$15, the fourth money.

ROWING.

Bright Outlook for a Successful Year at Columbin University. With the return of the students of Columbia

University from the holidays to-day the rowing season will once more begin. The candidates will report in the afternoon to Capt. Longacre and active preparations for training will be commenced. There will be more men to pick her crews from this year than ever before, inas much as they will have more time to devote to
the rowing by not having to waste it travelling
to and fro in the cars. There is, however, one
obstacle which still remains to be overcome,
n mely, the question as to who will coach.
Everything has been done to try to induce J.
A. B. Cowles to again assume control, but he
has refused, owing to the pressure of private
business. His methods were well thought of. He
developed a long and powerful stroke, very similar to that of the Columbia crew that won inEngland in 1878, but in one year a fair test with
men accustomed to a different stroke could not
be accomplished. His crews, while not victorious
list year, made a creditable showin. There is a
strong sentiment among the majority of undergraduates and a number of graduates in favor of
Walter Peet, who formerly had charge of Columbia's rowing. But it is doubtful whether he
could devote the necessary time. His methods,
while differing somewhat from those of Cowles,
have their good points. He coached Columbia's
'86 and '95 crews, both of which were victorious.
If there is a possibility of getting Peet, it is
likely he may be selected. Columbia has always
been opposed to professional coaching, and for
this reason she has not considered engaging
any outsider to take the crews in hand.

No list of the candidates for the crews has
been made up. Of last year's men there are
five in the university, but of these only four
have expressed intentions of coming out again.
They are Longacre, Shattuck, Lewis, and MacKay. Putnam, the fifth one, is in the law
school, and will not row. Besides these there
are Elmer and Machen, who were substitutes
on the 'varsity in '97,' and about five or six
promising men from last year's freshman boat.
Oddie, another of '97's 'varsity substitutes, has
been elected manager for this year,. As the new
gymnasium, which is to be one of the best in
the world, is not quite finished, arrangements
have been made for the crews to begin the preliminary training elsewhere. A large room has
been fitte much as they will have more time to devote to the rowing by not having to waste it travelling

shower biths erected. This is a great improve-ment on the crainped space the crews have been compelled to use during the past three years in the little stable on Fifty-first street. The rowing hereafter is to be run by the boat club. The only bearing it has on the Athletic Union is that to engage in contests with out-siders it must receive the union's sanction. The siders it must receive the union's sanction. The financial condition of rowing at the university, while not so encouraging as it might be, is far better than ever before at this time of the year. There is not one cent of debt staring the managers in the face, and everything subscribed from now on will go directly to the support of the '98 crew. The expenses for the coming year will also be lighter, inasmuch as there are more boats in the bouse. Then the dues of the boat club will go to the support of rowing. With everything appearing so bright for Columbia as the men are about to start work, something unusual, the outlook for a successful year is very promising.

end Bas.

The residents of Bath Beach were greatly excited yesterday over the announcement that Prof. Donaldson and several other swimming enthusiasts intended to hold a race i Gravesend Bay, at the foot of Bay Ninetcenth street, A large crowd gathered at the place, but competitors were very shy. After a tedious delay the professor was forced to go it alone. Onlookers could not very well be hypercritical, with the thermometer standing at 16 degrees below freezing point, and they seemed to find ample amusement and consolation in seeing Donaldson, with only swimming tights on, posing before various cameras and then taking the crucial plunce. The water fairly sizzled when he struck it, but he wallowed around like a porpoise for two minutes. Then some humans friends dragged him out and the kodak fleads had another go at him. He finally trotted back to shelter and kicked because the coffee served to him was too hot. A few lumps of fee toned it down to suit him and he consented to get into dry clothes. "Bashitu Bill," one of the local watermen, received an offer of \$5 to go in with the professor, but he claimed he was an amateur.

The cross-country runners of the Star A. C. of Long Island City went over a six-mile course J. Connelly, A. Ewers, and A. O'Brien, Star A. C.; R. Williams and A. Norton, Sea View Harriers; J. A. McDermott, J. Cronin, and James Mailoy, also of the Stars. The fast pack comprised R. Kennedy of the Stars, John Mailoy of the Navier A. C., and J. Enright of the Pastime A. C. A. C.

The men finished as follows: Slow Pack-J.

Connelly first. A. Ewers second, A. O'Brien
third, James Malloy fourth. Fast Pack-Kennedy, Malloy, and Enright. Time, 37 minutes.

Sachs School will soon be in line with its track team, and everything points toward a strong one. Considerable interest is being manifested in chess, and the school tournament is now in progress,

At the meeting of the Trinity School Athletic Association recently held to elect managers and captains of the various teams for 1898, the following boys were selected:

R. P. McCiave, captain baseball: C. A. O'Rourke, Jr., manager baseball: S. W. McCiave, Jr., captain football; I. G. Binnt, manager football: C. A. O'Rourke, Jr., captain track team.

Active preparations are being made to place a strong track and baseball team in the field next spring. Both feans will lose several good bors, but nevertheless the school will make a stiff fight for the championship honors. The achool will also be strongly represented in the skating series, having secured McClave, the champion rehoolboy skater.

There is a letter at this office for Nanager J. M. Bright of the Genuine Cuban Glants.

The elevens of the Kearny A. A. of East Newark and Americus A. A. of West Hoboken were sch duied to play a game yesterday afternoon in the series of the National Association Football League at Weld-n-mayer's Park in Newark. Owing to the cold weather and the field being covered with log the contest was indefinitely postponed.

NEWS OF THE WHEELMEN.

OFFICIALS DISCUSS MATTERS PER-

Western Men Claim That They Mave Rot Been Fairly Treated in the Bistribetion of Offices—May Put Up a Candidate for First Vice-President on the Potter Ticket. An informal discussion of business matters re-

lating to the welfare of the L. A. W. was held here yesterday between President Potter, Chairman Mott of the Racing Board, and Chief Consul Jenkins of the New York State division. Mott, who was present at the recent meeting of the Pennsylvania and Maryland division officers when Messrs. Potter, Keenan, Kireker, and Mergenthaler were indorsed, explained in detail the result of that meeting and the senti-ment of the big divisions, which is overwhelmingly for the reflection of Potter as President. It was unofficially announced on Saturday that Mott's visit was in relation to the investigation in progress about the short track in the Madison Square Garden. The presence of A. D. Waite, a member of the National Racing Board, and Walter Wilson, the Buffalo membe of the State Racing Board, who was officially identified with the recent six-day race in the Garden, strengthened this belief. The latter was one of the notable absentees at the meeting held in this city on Dec. 25 to investigate the charges against the American Cycle Association A member of the L. A. W. ventured the opinion that it was expected the investigation would result in the imposition of a censure upon Charles Ashinger, the track builder, and the suspension of the race promoters for several months from the privilege of holding tournaments during a season that such a suspensio will not interfere with their racing dates. Since the announcement was made that the

Potter ticket will consist of L. B. Potter, New York, for President; T. J. Keenan, Jr., Pittsburg, First Vice-President; C. F. Kireker, Pater son, Second Vice-President, and A. T. Mergen thaler, Ohio, Treasurer, the Western whee here protested. The distribution of the offices of President and the two Vice-Presidents to three divisions situated closely together has revived the cry that the League is governed solely by Eastern men, while the Western memrevived the cry that the League is governed solely by Eastern men, while the Western members receive scant recognition. It is the custom to give a position on the Executive Committee to the Western section. Outside of the four leading offices, the Chairman of the Racing Board comes next in point of prominence. To give this office to a Western meter might appease the anger of the voters there, but it is understood that Potter's re-election means the reappointment of Albert Mott of Baltimore. A genuine feeling of resentment has arisen in the West over the fact that not one of their men has been named for the three leading offices on the Potter ticket, and a strong effort will likely be made to develop a formitable candidate for Vice-President. Douglas Robert of St. Louis, a well-known wheelman, is ambitious to become First Vice-President. A member of the League who has been identified with the progress of the organization since its early history criticised the present situation yeaterday as follows:

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the progress of the organization since its early history criticised the present situation yesterday as follows:

"It seems evident that there is a disposition to cast aside all customs in the L. A. W. this year and count the Western wheelmen as being inel gible for any of the big oilies. The Eastern divisions are stronger numerically, but such a step is calculated to provoke dissension in an organization that should stand as one in all its divisions. In some places in the West the League membership is small in comparison to the cycling population, and it may be that the object of overlooking that section in selecting the officers is in the sense of a rebuke for the indifferent work of the Western divisions in building up their memberships. Of course, the reflection of Presidents respectively. Potter, through his strong advocacy of good roads and Kireker and Vice-Presidents respectively. Potter, through his strong advocacy of good roads and his long work in the interests of the L. A. W., has a national following. With Keenan and Kireker it is different. Their supporters are confined to their respective divisions, and the election of Potter does not signify that his entire ticket will go through. The Western wheelmen, unless they are content to figure as a very small part in the League, must develop a strong candidate, Connolly of Illinois, for instance, and get enough votes to elect hum. He is one of the ablest men in the L. A. W., and I have no doubt but that he could give to Keenan or Krieker a great hustle for office. It seems ill advised to ignore the West, and no member of the League should understand that act better than President Potter. Such a move breeds opposition, arouses factional differences, and will result in the consummation of deals for the support of various measures in exchange for votes, and the result will be that some of the best laid plans outlined for the good of the League will be defeated through the lack of harmony. The award of the national meet to Indianapolis is in no sense a recomp

President Skinkle of the Century Road Clan of America has decided to resign, owing to the pressure of other business. Among the men mentioned as his successor are Daniel W. Adee of Brooklyn and Andrew O. McGarrett of East Orange. Both are officially identified with the organization and fully qualified to serve as President.

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—The thirteenth match for the A. W. L. trophy was played here last night the New Jersey Whist Club of Newark, challengers. The resu't was a victory for Baltimore by the score of 338 tricks to 335. The teams

The Maniatianville "regulars" were on hand promptly for their club-day froile with the little sphere, and they did some brilliant execution. J. Fitzpatrick started in at a great pace, and with P. McGrath as a partner scor d over F. Deignan and W. O'Leary. Then he lined up with W. O'Leary, and the pair won in straight gauces from M. Rorty and J. Murphy. The other prominent scorers were H. Cook, B. Kelly, J. McCue. F. Sainers, Jem Palvey, J. Murphy, J. Murray, T. I. O'Connell, Con Ca binan, C. O'Leary, E. Hoffman, J. Hines, and T. Connors.

Combors.

The members of the Jersey City Club mustered in force to great the New Year, and the club day gathering was a bumper. The star event was a match in which Mike Egan, the amat ure champlon, and James Flaheriy went in azainst William Carney, the nut d Western expert, and Pat Soott. The youngsters won the first game by dashing play, but the others then forged ahead, and the rivals broke even after four exciting games. A dozen other matches were played and winning scores were rolled up by it. Logan, J. Fennessy, Tom Flaherty, T. Jackson, M. Huut, Tom Waldron, P. Burns, M. Howley, J. Douglass, W. P. Cullen, J. Scanion, A. Whelan, J. Fianerty, M. Mullins, and John Egan.

merican National—Rosedale, Glendale, and Corin-United Bowling Union, and Cyclone.

Interclub League—Carleton vs. Aurora Grata, at Carleton alleys; Columbian vs. Knickerbocker, at Columbian all-ys; Union League vs. Lincoin, at Union League alleys; Irving vs. Hanover, at Irving alleys.

Brooklyn National—Templeton, Apollo, and Excel-

Le-gue alleys; Irving vs. Hänover, at Irving alleys.
Brooklyn National—Tempieton, Apollo, and Excelsion.
Brooklyn Royal Arcanum League, Sub-Tournament—Nassau Council, Gilbert Council, and Fern Council.
Long Island Association of Cycling Clubs, Class B—Amphiou Wheelmen vs. Tamaqua Wheelmen,
Ar ington National—Linden Grove, Franklin, and Arlington I.
Twenty-third Regiment—Company E, Company K, and Conipany F.
Germania—Wallat out. Germania, and B. B. B.
North Side League—Auld Cootie vs. Hyperion.
Casino—Farmers. Coumbia, and Fulton.
Twenty-sixth Ward—sclipse vs. Eccentric, at Busch's alleys.
Staten Island Amateur League—Kingston, Peerlosa, and Ritchmond.
Athletic League—Montclair Club vs. New York A.
C., at Monte air alleys: North End Club vs. Roseville
A. A. at North End alleys.
South Brooklyn—Logan, Third Avenue, and Fern.
Northern New J rey League—Lyceum vs. Elmwood, at Lyceum alleys; Crange Valley alleys.
Rubensielns—Standard, America C., and 2x10.
Associated Cyclin. Clubs of New Jersey—Hamilton Wheelmen vs. Club Wheelmen vs. Chu Wheelmen, at Hamilton alleys.
Paterson League—Albien vs. Enter Nous.
Newarg League—West End vs. Roseville A. A., at Roseville alleys.
Independent Foresters—Court Scott vs. Court Columbus, at Court Scott alleys.

The ties in the American national tournamens will be played off on Jan. 17. be played off on Jan. 17.

A. Silver of the Manhattans is in the lead for the average prize in the Brooklyn national tournament. Forge of the Fidella I team leads in the Uncle Sam national tournament, with an average of 189 3-5 in ten games.

O'Connor of the Columbian Club maintains the lead for high average in the Interclub League of Brooklyn with a record of 173.

Officers elected by the Hector B. C. are as follows: H Boschen, President; H. Mantell, Vice-Pr-sident; C Eifers, Secretary and Treasurer; C. Graeber, Captain The Senate Bowling Club has elected the following officers: B. Jacobs, President; J. Stremble, Vice-President; C. Wissman, Secretary; J. Wissman, Treasurer; E. Fries, Capitalia.

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The United Bowling Clubs Ricct Officers and Appoint Committees The usual meeting on the first Sunday of each month was held by the United Bowling Clubs,

at Beethoven Hall, yesterday afternoon. The

clubs represented were: Seventeenth Ward, Fidelia, Orchard, Krakehlia, Jumbo, Spartan, Gotham, Empire, Rosedale, Mucker, Norddeutscher, Glendale, New York City Schuetzen, Lamstedter, Civil Service, Black Bass, Bleecker, Auranis, Navahoe, Heinebund, Woodland, Canno Cyclone, Has Beens, Bloomingdale, Cable, Hector,

Rivergale and Police Gazette. Financial Secretary Charles King and Treasurer Joseph Thum read their reports, which were accepted. During the past year the organization added \$476.45 to its fund, making a total of \$4,073.22. Corresponding Secretary Faino's report showed that during the year 1897 Faino's report showed that during the year 1897 thirteen clubs were dropped from the membership roll and five added to the list, a decrease of eight. It was reported by the Bowling Committee that the disputed game between the Uno and Woodland Clubs in the section 6 series had been awarded to the latter. As was predicted in THE SUN yesterday, there was no opposition to the ticket nominated by the committee, and, ou motion of Delegate Mann, Julius Faino cast one vote for the following:

President, John Moje. Spartans: First Vice-Presi-

one vote for the following:

President, John Moje, Spartans; First Vice-President, E. Demmier, Bloomingdale; Send Vice-President, E. Demmier, Bloomingdale; Third Vice-President, C. L. Mulford, Bloomingdale; Third Vice-President, Albert P. Mahn, Henebund; Friancial Secretary, Charles II. King, Gotham; Corresponding Secretary, L. Haimbach, Black Bass; Treasurer, Joseph Thum, spartan; Captai; F. von Schuckmann, Hiverdale; First Assistant Captain, L. Schultz, Civil Service; Second Assistant Cartain, H. Klumpp, Cannon; Librarian, Charles Werner, Glendale; Standard Bearer, H. Rileal, Harmonie; First Assistant Standard Bearer, H. Boshen, Hector; Trustee, L. F. Schuette, Norddeutsch-r, in place of J. Tritsch; Finance Committee, J. Schenck, Gotham; P. Dannefelser, Cyclone; Max M. Cohen, Glendale; G. A. Oxx, Acme, and W. Himmelman, Krakohila.

Dr. H. Timm of the Fidelias was elected Hon-Dr. H. Timm of the Fidelias was elected Hon-orary President. The following Entertainment Committee was appointed:

Committee was appointed: Charles Wilking, Mucker; J. Tritsch, Civil Service, Charles F. Niglutech, Gotham; Charles Miller, Au-rania; H. Wendt, Riverdiaer; Charles Dersch, Wood-land; Louis Schneider, Heinebund; Julius Faino, Has Beens; Will am Wagner, Seventeenth Ward, and H. Buchhole, Grohard.

Buchholz, Orchard.

The New York Women's Tournament Committee will be as follows: Dr. H. Timm, John Moje, E. Demmiler, L. Mulford, A. P. Mahn, and Charles Johnson. Several speeches were made by the retiring President, as well as by his successor. Dr. Ti m was asked by the delegate whether he would accept the office again, to which herepiled in the affirmative, if he thought the organization would be benefited.

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Van Raalte 1 2 1 1 J. W. Baird was a daily visitor at the intercollegiate tourn-ment has week. He also played a rather interesting game against two members of the Manhattan Chess Club in constitution.

Basketball Notes. Hrpson, Jan. 2.—The Twenty-third Separate Com-pany basketball team of the Hudson River League played the F-freenth Company of Poughkeepsic a tig-game lat hight. Nittler team scored. This Ass. So-first time the Fifteenth Company has been shut out this year.

this year.

The first team of Company F of the Fourth Regiment of the Connecticut National Guard have played the following games this season: Daubury Y M. C. A., Nov. 12, Y. M. C. A. I am, 25; Company F. 20, A. Norwalk Armory Nov. 24, Company F. 10; Stamford Y. M. C. A. 6. At Norwalk Dec. 13; Company F. 6; Eastern District. 16, At Norwalk, Dec. 27, Company F. 16; Mount Morra B, B. C., 11. Company F scored 52 points to 58 for its opponents.

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